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For: METHOD FOR FORMING A HOT MELT ADHESIVE

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Response to Office Action Pursuant to 37 C. F. R. §1.111

Dear Examiner Goff:

This is in response to the Office Action in the above identified application dated March 8, 2005. The response is filed on behalf of the Applicants under 37 C. F. R. §1.34. Claims 1-4 are currently pending in the application.

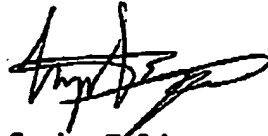
Response to 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejection of Claims 1 and 3

Claims 1 and 3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jacobs (U. S. Pat. No. 5,194,487). Jacobs does not teach Applicants invention. Jacobs teaches a two component aqueous polyurethane dispersion that is used to prepare coatings having improved gloss. Examiner argues that Jacobs teaches an adhesive according to techniques set forth in Markush (U. S. Pat. No. 4,408,008) of record and asserts that composition is used to bond substrates (Column 11, lines 34-44). Jacobs discloses no

coating in Jacobs. Applicants submits the invention as presented in amended claim 2 and 3, is patentable over Jacobs in view of Graham of record.

If the Examiner finds that there are some remaining issues to be resolved, Applicants would appreciate the Examiner to grant them a discussion or another interview with the inventor pursuant to 37 C. F. R. §1.133, to clarify any issues and to place the Application in better condition for allowance. Please charge any fees associated with this response to Deposit Account No. 18-1850.

Respectfully submitted,



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